CURRENT COMMENT.

CALIFORNIA is to have the largest sugar-beet factory in the world.

It was said that over 759,000 people had visited Canton, O., since Maj. Mc-Kinley was nominated for the presi

New York has appropriated \$50,000 for the transfer ceremonies of the Grant monument on April 27 next. It will be one of the memorable pageants of the year.

A MEDICAL paper recently asserted that in Wayne county, O., there is a cancer belt, a strip of country 30 miles long by 12 wide, in which five out of every six women have the dread dis-

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND recently stated that he was going to devote his spare time during the next few years to the writing of a book on autobiographical lines, dating from his election to the mayoralty of Buffalo, N. Y., down to

The cheapening of literature in En-gland has resulted in the production of books creditably printed and sold for a penny. Dickens, Scott, Goldsmith, Lytton and other standard authors, bound in stiff covers, are now procurable in this series.

DURING a discussion in the English parliament the fact was brought to light that the only currency in the Delta of the African river Niger is rum and gin, which the missionaries are compelled, much against their will, to use as such for all purchases from the natives, thereby promoting the demoralization of the latter.

DURING the last two years the wolves in the government of Saratoff, Russia, have devoured, according to the official returns, 11.000 horses, 10,000 horned cattle, 33,000 sheep, 5,000 swine, 1,000 dogs and 18,000 fowl. They have also during the same period attacked 68 persons, devouring two on the spot and inflicting fatal wounds on 12 others.

It is not generally known that President-elect McKinley owns a farm of 163 acres located 20 miles from Canton. near the junction of Carroll, Stark and Columbiana counties, O. He was prosecuting attorney of Stark county when he secured possession of the property. A man named Adams manages the farm and divides the profits with the

THE police department of Taunton, Mass., is trying a somewhat novel experiment to decrease drunkenness in that place. The name of every person arrested and convicted of the offense In question is to be sent to each licensed dealer in the city, with a warning that if any liquor is sold to any of them within six months after the receipt of the names the person so doing will be liable to a fine.

THERE were many people in Springfield, Ill., recently who said that the drainage canal project is one stupen-dous failure; that the whole plan was in the beginning a mistake; that the to spend any more money on it will be to throw good money after bad. It is further stated that the control of which were along all of the officers further stated that the canal cannot be finished so as to comply with the requirements of law inside of a total cost of \$40,000,000, or \$50,000,000.

THE influence of the bicycle is in evidence in California, where a systematic plan for good roads throughout the state is being pushed by the bureau of highways. It is proposed to make a general tax levy of 21/2 cents, the proceeds to constitute a fund for the construction of state and local highways in accordance with the most scientific plans for road building. State highways are to be constructed along each of the great belts of natural wealth in the state, which will connect all the great centers of population and reach the county seat of every county.

THE house committee on coinage has recommended a change in the materials out of which the five-cent pieces and one-cent pieces are made. present five-cent pieces, composed of 25 the design on them becomes more or | tion. less obliterated, thus indicating that the metal of which they are composed is too soft. The one-cent piece, composed of 95 per cent. copper, three per cent. tin and two per cent. zinc, be comes dull and dirty and, by corrosion becomes a source of danger to children.

THE New York Mail and Express Bays; We have not begun to avail ourselves of the country's wonderful resources. Think for a moment of our u noccupied territory, and then imagine the result of a proportional increase of population during the next half century! We could place our entire present population in Texas, and it would be as dense as is that of Germany. We could put it in Dakota and the proportion of population to area would be less than is that of England and Wales. New Mexico is larger than the mittee. United Kingdom of Great Britain and

Nor long ago Gen. Booth-Tucker, the commander of the Salvation army forces in America, visited Detroit, Mich., and while there was the guest of Mayor Pingree, of potato farm fame The general was very favorably impressed with the way the Pingree idea had been carried forward and the re-sults obtained, and has determined to found a town near Boston, to be called Tuckerville, where there will be a system of potato farms on the same line The colonists will be confined exclusively to men at first, but it is expected to speedlly open up a woman's home in during their mother's absence and were close association.

An agitation has been in progress in ber of mass meetings were legislature to pass a bill to tax each cently.

department \$100 and upward. The John department stores are crushing out the small businesses and throwing thousands of men out of work, who are department on mercantile pursuits.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL M. A. HANNA will contest in the Ohio legislature next winter for the full term in the United States senate. His supporters have already organized his campaign. The hope that Gov. Bush-nell may appoint Hanna to fill the uuexpired term of Senator Sherman has practically been abandoned.

JAMES A. GARY, of Baltimore, Md., had an interview with President-clect McKinley at Canton, O., on the 19th and then stated to an Associated press reporter that Mr. McKinley had ten-dered him a portfolio in his cabinet, but which one had not been definitely decided.

THE last evening reception of this administration was given by President and Mrs. Cleveland at the white house on the 18th for the benefit of the general public. The crowd was a record breaker in point of attendance, it being estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 persons were in line during the two hours.

SECRETARY OLNEY sounded the British government about the amendments which have been proposed to the arbitration treaty in the senate. Ambassador Bayard stated that Lord Salisbury cared little about the amendments eliminating King Osear of Norway and Sweden and reassirming the Monroe doctrine, but the British were surprised at the objection raised in the senate and attributed it to political and personal motives rather than to serious opposition to the general idea

THE squadrons of the united powers bombarded Canea, the Cretan capital, on the 21st to prevent Greece occupying it.

REPUBLICANS, including Messrs. Me-Kinley, Hanna and Carnegie, proposed to raise a fund of \$100,000 for the benefit of the family of Col. J. R. Fellows, of New York, who recently died from a cold caught while stumping the south for the Palmer and Buckner ticket.

Gov. BUSHNELL, of Ohio, has published a statement that when Senator Sherman resigned to enter President McKinley's cabinet Marcus A. Hanna would be appointed as United States

senator in Sherman's place.
Giles Y. Crexshaw, of Maysville, Mo., has been nominated by the president successor to the late Gen. Jo Shelby as United States marshal for the Western Missouri district.

A BARY girl was born to ex-President and Mrs. Harrison at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 21st.

THE populist editors who believe in fusion with the democracy and are opposed to Paul Vandervoort, met at Kansas City, Mo., on the 22d, A. Rozelle calling the meeting to order.

THE annual meeting of the National Reform Press association was called to order at Memphis, Tenn., by President Paul Vandervoort, of Nebraska, Nearly every southern and western state was represented.

The Paris Gaulois stated on the 22d that the powers had entrusted to Italy the authority to pacify and administer the affairs of Crete pending the establishment of constitutional autonomy for the island.

REV. PETER WALLACE died at Chicago recently, aged 84. He was for ove-40 years a noted Methodist preacher and raised a company of soldiers in 1861 in Sangamon county, Ill., for the

Revolution opened at Washington on the 22d. The president-general, Mrs. the engine. Stevenson, wife of the vice president of the United States, called the meetsponded to by Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, state regent of Ohio.

A CHICAGO NEWS' Washington special on the 22d said that President McKinley was likely to suspend or revoke the sweeping civil service order of President Cleveland.

Press association, which met in Kansas City, Mo., gave up all hope of reconciliation with the "middle-of-the-road" wing, which met at Memphis, Tenn. and have decided to go it alone. The result is the United Reform Press association, national in its scope, which, while it will not combat the old N. R. do with it. J. R. Sovereign, of Sul- lature calling for a convention of all per cent. nickel and 75 per cent. copper, workman of the Knights of Labor, was September 10 to discuss a proposition after a few years' use wear smooth, and chosen president of the new organiza-

THE New York World published on The resolution was referred. the 24th a letter written by Salvator Cisneros, president of the provisional government of the Cubans, and countersigned by Gen. Gomez, the insurgent from Spain at a reasonable price and the movement, and prominent theoso would accept American intervention, phists from all parts of the world. provided the sovereignty of Cuba be

address to the silver republicans of the United States on the 23d urging organization to the end that a national con vention might be called on the mone cago on June 8, 1897, and Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, was named as chairman of said provisional com-

MISCELLANEOUS.

BICYCLE men of Butte and other points in Montana have determined to join with Colorado and other far western states in secession from the League of American Wheelmen. The cause of secession is the refusal of the older body to allow divisional option as to Sunday racing.

FOURTEEN persons were badly poisoned in a boarding house at Hum boldt, In., by cating canned raspber

Two children, Nora Cain, aged four, and a two-year-old brother, set fire to the grass in the yard near Shaner, Ok.

JOSEPH MURDOCK, of Scott county. Va., who was supposed to have been murdered 25 years ago, and for which crime Bud Lindsay served 21 years in held, and 7,500 business men in all the Virginia penitentiary, has returned branches have organized to urge the to his former home. Lindsay died re-

JOHN CIRCLELEZ started to make cumulative plan of taxation was in- fire at five o'clock on the morning of dorsed, the first department added to the 19th and got the gasoline can incest \$100, the second \$200, the third \$400, the 15th \$1,638,000 and the 20th there was an explosion and the house \$25,418,000. It was asserted that the was set on fire. John Circlelez's family

COL. J. M. BAKER was endeavoring to arrest a negro near Helena, Ark., on a warrant, when the negro felled him with a fence rail and beat him to death. Feeling ran high against the

In vetoing the bill granting a pen sion to Maria Somerlat, President Cleveland said the rule which forfelts a widow's pension on marriage ought to be strictly maintained. He also said he had examined 115 out of 206 special pension bills and many of them were not based on justice.

SMALL-POX is spreading in Cuba, there being 7,000 to 9,000 cases in Havana alone, according to a dispatch on the

LORENZ HABER, a cooper at Dubuque Ia., was choked to death by a piece of beefsteak sticking in his throat. ANNOUNCEMENT was made at Louis ville, Ky., of a deal by which 515 dis-

tilleries had entered into a combine. August Belmont, of New York, has agreed to finance the combine with \$15,-000,000. Six negroes were instantly killed and

several others fatally injured by an explosion of dynamite at Murray, Ky. on the 23d. They were endeavoring to thaw out some of the stuff. JAMES ASHTON, a brakeman, tried to

dislodge a tramp, who was stealing a ride on a freight train near Hawkins, Tex., and a desperate fight ensued and Ashton was killed. MICHAEL GLEASON, aged 85, residing at Galena, Ind., started to transfer a

flock of 40 sheep from one lot to another, and was letting down the bars of a fence, when a ram dashed at him and butted him to the ground. While lying prostrate, the other sheep fol-lowed and trampled him to death. NINE peasons were recently bitten by a rabid dog at Valley Dale, a lumber

T. The victims and their friends were said to be anxiously awaiting for symptoms of hydrophobia to appear.

A section of the elevated seats at a circus at Brownsville, Tex., collapsed and precipitated 300 persons to the ground. Six persons may die. Many others were badly bruised.

camp 50 miles northwest of Muscogee

THE president has issued 13 proclamations setting aside certain timber lands in South Dakota, Wyoming. Montana, Idahor Washington, California and Utah as forest reservations.

A FIRE broke out in Beares' dry goods store at Grand Forks, N. D., at two o'clock on the morning of the 21st, with the mercury 25 degrees below zero, and did damage to the amount of \$225,000. There were many narrow escapes of people in scanty clothing. THE postmasters and the patrons at

every one of the 44 post offices where rural free delivery has been in operation have indorsed the plan and the postmaster-general will make a special report to congress concerning the experiment. Gov. THORNTON has placed a company

of infantry on guard at the penitentiary at Santa Fe, N. M., on account of the discovery of a plot to blow up the building so as to liberate four members of the Borrego gang, under sentence of death for murder. A TRAIN in two sections on the C., St.

P., M. & O. road, while backing up to recouple near Ponea, Neb., collided. Several cars were derailed and the wreck caught fire and Michael Waters. a traveling salesman, was pinned under the debris and so badly burned that he will die.

JUDGE E. A. THOMAS, a leading lawyer of Falls City, Neb., was run over and killed by a train while he was crossing the track.

As engine and 14 cars, with contents, THE congress of the Daughters of the trail railroad near Bosky Della, Ill., on the 19th by the breaking of an axle on THE attorney-general of Nebraska

has rendered an opinion declaring that ing to order and her address was rethe curfew law in force ia a number of towns in the state is unconstitutional. DANIEL McCarrny was hanged at Chicago on the 19th for the murder of his wife on May 12, 1896. She had separated from him on account of his drunken habits and on her refusal to live with him, he shot her at her moth-THE branch of the National Reform er's house while he was in a state of intoxication.

THE eastbound Norfolk & Western express was wrecked through a washout near Lovelette, O., on the 21st and three traiumen were probably fatally injured.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

while it will not combat the old N. R. A RESOLUTION was introduced into P. A., will have nothing whatever to the lower house of the Oklahoma legisphur Springs, Ark., general master free silver states at Denver, Col., on and to boycott national bank notes.

THE corner-stone of the Theosophical temple, or "school for the revival of lost mysteries of antiquity," was laid at Point Lomax, Cal., with imposcommander-in-chief, stating that they ing ceremonies, under the charge of would buy the independence of Cuba Mrs. Katherine Tingley, the leader of

AT North Coal Gate, five miles from not infringed upon,
THE silver republicans in the senate and house at Washington issued an fell into an abandoned pit filled with water and were drowned.

An explosion took place in a factor devoted to explosives in Ayrshire, Scotland, on the 24th and six men were tary question. A provisonal national killed. The men were washing nitro-committee was called to meet at Chiglycerine and the explosion was heard 15 miles.

EDWARD BAILEY was driving in buggy at Williamsport, Pa., and had a rope around his body tied to two horses behind when he was jerked out of the buggy and dragged over a precipice and the man and two horses were found dead on the railroad tracks be

low the rondway.

THE payment of the Cherokee freedmen began at Vinita, I. T., on the 23d. each freedmen entitled to draw getting.

THE report of the house special committee to investigate the management of the Leavenworth, Kan., soldiers home has been completed. It recom mends the removal of the governor of the home and the change of all officers

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND issued a proc-lemation on the 24th calling for an extra session of the senate on March 4. A TRAIN on the Southern railway ran into a wagon filled with people near Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 24th and

seven persons were killed. THERE Cuban resolutions were intro duced into the senate on the 24th. One demanded the release of Julio Sanquilly, held in Havana; the second called for battleships to be sent to Cuba to protect American citizens, and the third asked the secretary of state to send all correspondence with Consul-General Lee relating to Americans imprisoned in Cuba. The Indian bill was then considered. The house devoted most of the day to District of Colum-bia business.

CUBAN QUESTION.

Resolutions Introduced into the Senate on the Subject.

OBSCENE PAPERS SEVERELY SCORED.

President Cleveland Refuses a Pardon to Editor Wilson-A Proclamation Issued for a Session of the Senate on March 4.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- Attention was recalled to the Cuban question in the senate yesterday by the presenta tion of three resolutions on that subject. One of these came by unanimous vote from the committee on foreign relations and called for the immediate and unconditional release of Julio Sanguilly, held in Havana. Mr. Morgan will endeavor to secure action on it today. Another resolution by Mr. Allen calls on the president to effectively

protect American citizens in Cuba, and for that purpose to send battleships to Cuban waters. This resolution comes up to-day also. A third resolution by Mr. Hill was agreed to, requesting the secretary of state for all correspondence with Consul-General Lee relative to Americans imprisoned in Cuba.

A sensutional episode occurred late in the day during the discussion of the Indian bill. Several of the New England senators had criticised various items, which aroused Mr. Pettigrew to some caustic recitals of barbarities directed against Indians in Massachusetts in early days. Mr. Hoar defended his state, and amid impressive silence arraigned Mr. Pettigrew, a New Englander by birth for "befouling the nest in which he was born." Little progress was made on the Indian bill, and Mr. Allison warned the senate that the status of appropriation bills was most dangerous. Beginning

quirer, and as an ex-member was enfornia: Mr. Sulzer, of New York, and ex-Congressman George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts. The democratic item of the Indian bill, that directing the open-members deserted their seets and introf the Uncompanier Indian reservation in burried to creet him. After a Utah. Several senators sharply criticised the hurried to greet him. After a few minutes he emerged and walked calmly down the aisle to his old seat near the center aisle. The democrats gave him a round of hearty applause. Many of the republicans joined in the welcome to their old collengue. The confusion became so great that Speaker Reed was forced to call the house to order. After a few minutes, Mr. Bryan made his way back to the rail which divides the house from the lobby, around to the speaker's from the lobby, around to the speaker's and predicted that the tide was rising which hurried to greet him. After a rostrem, where he shook hands with the speaker. The galleries again joined in the demonstration which occurred at this juncture. Mr. Bryan soon left the house. Most of the day was devoted to the District of Columbia business. The conference report on the bill to define the rights of the purchasers of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad under the foreclosure sale was

adopted. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The president has delivered a most seathing criticism upon indecent newspaper publications in denving a pardon to James Wilson. sentenced in December, 1895, in Indiana to two years' imprisonment for mailing obscene papers. The presi-

Denied. This convict was one of the editors and proprietors and a distributor through the mails and otherwise of a disgustingly vile and obscene newspaper. His conviction and sen-tence was an event distinctly tending to the promotion of public morals and the protection of the sons and daughters of our land from the filth and corruption at a time when indecen newspaper publications are so dangerous and ommon. Everybody in favor of cleanline common. Everybody in favor of cleanliness should encourage the punishment of such offenses, and desire that it should be more frequently imposed. While I am much surprised by the number of respectable people who have joined in urging elemency in this case, my duty seems so clear that I am not in the least tempted to interfere with the just and wholese sentence of the court.

SENATE WILL MEET MARCH 4. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.-The president has issued a proclamation in the usual form calling a session of the senate at noon on March 4 to receive communications from the executive. This is the usual senate extra session to consider nominations to important offices.

CRETE'S PALACE BURNED.

Incendiaries Busy in the Island's Capital
—Conflict Narrowly Averted.

CANEA, Crete, Feb., 25.—The governor's palace, with all the archives, was destroyed by fire to-day, and as fires broke out elsewhere in the town at the same time incendiarism is charged, especially as the Benghazi Arabs threaten to burn the whole of Canea. While the palace was burning a strong box containing \$35,000 in coin broke open, whoreupon there was a wild rush of Turkish soldiers and Mussulmans to secure the treasure. The foreign marines were obliged to fire blank cartridges to restrain them, and for a time a conflict between Turks and Europeans was threatened.

Double Murderer Found Dead.

TINDALL, S. D., Feb. 25 .- The body of the murderer of Anton Sheep and his bride, killed a week ago, has been found. He was Frank Bende, a neighbor, and after killing the Sheeps, he drove away and shot himself. He was found on the return of his team.

Nebraska's Ex-Auditor Procented. OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 25.—Information has been filed at Lincoln charging Eugene Moore, ex-auditor of the state with embessling \$27,208 state funds, the amount in which his accounts are short.

Johanna Ambrosius, Germany's n poet, is finding fame and rest at last. The woman has always had a life of drudgery, but her genius has lifted ber out of it, as her books are proving both popular and profitable. The empress paid the expenses of a trip to Italy as a token of her appreciation of Johanna's

Shaded velvet is again seen for even ing wear. A charming empire gown has a belt of velvet shading from poppy red to rose-pink. Another of elinging green china crape showed belt and shoulder strape of velvet is shaded orange. NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

Condensed Proceedings from Day to Day of the House and Senate.

The senate on the 18th spent six hours in streetile session, the greater part of the time beling given to the consideration of the nomination of Hon. C. F. Amidon to be district judge of North Dakota, who was thaily confirmed. tion of Hon. C. F. Amidoh to be district judge of North Dakota, who was finally confirmed. It was so late when that matter was sottled that Senator Sherman (O.) asked for the postponement of the debate on the arbitration treaty until the following day, which was agreed to. Only minor business was transacted at the open session... The house, by a vote of 197 to 91, reversed the finding of a majority of the elections committee and decided the concessed election case of N. T. Hopkins vs. J. M. Kendall, from the Tenth Kentucky district, in haver of the republican contestant.

Kendall, from the Tenth Kentucky district, in lavor of the republican contestant.

The senate on the 19th agreed to the confermer report fixing the pension of Gen. Stoneman's widow at \$50 per month. Senator Hoar (Mass.) introduced a resolution, which was agreed to, that Senator Daniel (Va.) should read to the senate Washington's farewell address on the 22d. A bill was passed setting aside a plot of ground in Washington for memorial purposes under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The senate then went into executive session and Daughters of the American Revolution. The senate then went into executive session and spent eight hours on the arbitration treaty without accomplishing any definite result.... The house considered the general deficiency appropriation bill, a spirited debate occurring over the general subject of paying claims against the United States. Mr. Grow, (Pa.) branched off and spoke for an hour on the free homes bill, depressing its fate by being smothhomes bill, deprecating its fate by being smoth-ered in committee. The house refused to con-cur in a conference report raising the pension of the widow of Gen. Carr from \$50 to \$73.

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In the senate on the 20th the Indian appropriation bill was taken up. The provision enabling Kansas merchants to go upon any reservation or agency to collect accounts against Indians to whom allotments had been made had previously been stricken out by the committee and the senate sustained the committee. The sectarian schools provision caused considerable discussion but no final action was taken on it. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy discussion but no final action was taken on it. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the Greeks and Cretans in their struggle against the Turks. The scenate also took up the bill passed by the house last session authorizing the appointment of a non-partisan committee to collate information and recommend legislation to meet problems presented by labor, agriculture and capital... The house discussed the general deficiency bill, Mr. Hopkins (III.) moving to strike out the item of \$12,300 to pay members of the Fifty-Third congress the amount withheid from them on account of absence. After a lively debate the item was stricken out by a vote of 118 to 55.

This senate on the 224 listened to the reading of Washington's farewell address by Senator

bills was most dangerous. Beginning to-day the senate will sit until midnight.

THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The feature of the session of the house yesterday was the appearance of William J. Bryan, late candidate for president, on the floor. He had come to the city to attend a dinner given in his honor by John R. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, and as an ex-member was enquirer. quirer, and as an ex-member was en-titled to the privileges of the floor. He came into the hall with Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee: Mr. Maguire. of Cali-fornia; Mr. Sulzer, of New York, and

pleted.
THE senate on the 231 disposed of only or and predicted that the tide was rising which would sweep the law out of existence and give the young men a chance. Mr. Broslus (Pa.) denied that the law was antagonistic to young men and that the merit law gave them a chance to aspire to office without begging at the feet of bosses. The naval bill was afterwards passed with little opposition.

CUBANS READY TO PAY.

The Insurgents Would Buy Their Inde-pendence at a Reasonable Price. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The World pub-NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The World publishes under the head of "The Most Important Document of the Cuban War," an autograph letter west. that paper by Salvator Cisneros, president of the provisional government of the Cubans, and countersigned by Maximo Gomez, the general-in-chief. The letter was approved by the so-called cabinet of the provisional government and bears the seal of the infant republie. The letter says that the insurgents are willing to pay a liberal price for their freedom from Spain. American intervention would be accepted, providing the sovereignty of Cuba be not infringed thereby.

Small-Pox in Havana HAVANA, Feb. 24.-Small-pox continues to increase and spread at an alarming rate. To-day there are be-

tween 7,000 and 9,000 cases in the city of Havana alone. About 30 per cent. of those stricken with the dread disease die. In order to facilitate the speedy interment of victims, it is proposed that the bodies of those dying the same day of small-pox shall in the future be dumped into a common grave in the cemetery, a new pit to be opened each morning. Watova, I. T., Train Robbers.

MUSCOGER, I. T., Feb. 22.-Saturday night while the northbound local on the Valley road had taken the siding at Watova for the passenger, two masked on entered the caboose and compelled Conductor Matt Wallace and Brakeman Cotton to hand over \$9.50 and a revolver. The passenger train pulled in at this moment, and the men would have attempted to rob it had not the citizens of the town been aroused and they were compelled to flee.

Embezzler Gives Himself Up. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Churles II. McCloy, wanted in Michigan for embezzling 88,000, surrendered yesterday. He was assistant cushier in the Second national bank, of Bay City, Mich. He fled from the town and has been traveling around the world since. The money has been spent.

Chippings.
The Ohio legislature is to consider a bill forbidding the promiscuous dis tribution by patent medicine venders of pamphlets and bills describing the symptoms of disease. There are cases on record of well persons who have worried themselves into a decline over fancied symptoms.

It is reported that the casino at Monte Carlo recently refused admission to Ellen Terry on the ground that she ns too ill dressed. The average height of man is five eet six inches, his weight 141%

The newest electrical device enable an expert burglar to open any safe in half an hour, thus avoiding the todious process of first being made cashier.

Massachusetts spent last year \$4.65 on each \$1,000 of its valuation for the public schools, the total amount paid being \$11,829,191. Archibald Nesbitt, a Chicago baby,

weighed just 11/2 pounds when he was born. A silver 25-cent piece entirely overed one of his hands. Although the Suez canal is only 91-miles long, it reduces the distance from Britain to India, by sea, nearly 4,601 miles. GEN. LEE'S CASE.

Officials Declare That the Consu General Has Not Resigned.

BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE FRICTION

3en. Lee Sympathized Strongly with Cubaus and Did Not Take Kindly

to the Policy of the Ad-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. - Notwithstanding the repeated statements from outside sources to the contrary, the state department officials are firm in the denial of the reported resignation of United States Consul-General Lee. and the impression is given out that any trouble that threatened between the department and the consul-general has been composed, and that there is no danger of a rupture. It is now known there has been some trouble growing out of the cases of Americans arrested in Cuba, but the officials refuse to admit or deny this.

From a reliable official source, ever, the facts appear to be as follows: The consul-general, while in Washington last autumn, did not conceal his be lief that much credit might be gained for the administration about to con clude its term by making a bold stroke for Cuban freedom, at least going to the length of recognizing the belligerency of the insurgents. He did not take issue openly with the administration in its policy, but it was realized here that his sympathy was strongly with the Cubans. Possibly feeling that he was under suspicion of lack of sym-pathy with the department's policy. ien. Lee, upon his return to his post, was particular to stick closely to instructions, and to insist in every case concerning an American captive upon explicit orders from the department.

This finally led to friction with the

department, which was most serious in the Ruiz case. The consul-general knew of Ruiz's capture and reported it to the department, but, it is intimated, stopped at that and waited for further instructions. The department felt that the regular instructions in the consular regulation imposing upon a consular officer the duty of moving you find with my mark. Any of the promptly for the relief of an American citizen in such cases should have been sufficient to guide Gen. Lee to a proper course. However, without losing time, the department, upon being informed of said: the facts, promptly referred the case o the attention of the authorities at Madrid. It can scarcely be regarded as a case justifying an ultimatum, at

this point at least, the opinion being Companion. held that there is a reasonable doubt whether or not Ruiz lost his American citizenship by voluntarily staying in business, and without keeping up his registration regularly. Of course, the legaritment has not department has not yet conceded this point, but the fact that such a contention has been made is sufficient to show that it is a case requiring deliberate treatment. Following the death of Ruiz in fail,

Gen. Lee recommended that a demand be made upon the Spanish authorities for the release of all American prisoners held in Cuban prisons. This, it was felt, was a step too radical to be taken out of hand. The safety of the she knows about a horse.—Atchison Globe. was felt, was a step too radical to be prisoners, assumed to be the object of such a demand, it is said, in many In case the Spanish officials lease. elected to adopt the first-named course some of the prisoners would have lost their lives, for they were taken with arms in hand and so are subject to the extreme penalty that may be impose by a military court-martial. For such prisoners the hope of their lives lies in the delay of a trial as long as possible, taking the chance that meantime gen eral amnesty would be proclaimed and they thereby be saved.

PLACE FOR RITTINGER.

The St. Joseph Politician Will Su. Peak as Minister to Switzerland. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- Maj. John L. Bittinger, of St. Joseph, has been se-lected to succeed John L. Peak, of Kansas City, as minister to Switzerland. The mission pays \$5,000 per year, and is one of the most pleasant, though not the most profitable, mis-sions at President-elect McKinley's disposal. John L. Peak, the present minister, will resign early in March and the appointment of Maj. Bittinger to succeed him will be made soon after

McKinley is inaugurated. Paying Cherokee Freedmen. VINITA, I. T., Feb. 25 .- After a week's delay the payment of Cherokee freedmen began here yesterday. There will be about 3,000 checks issued in all, ineluding heads of families, and will be asued at the rate of 50 checks per day. Each freedman entitled to draw gets \$188. The amount due them was \$295 but they gave up the surplus as attorney's fees. There are not les than 10,000 persons on the ground, and of every nationality.

Five Victims of Stove Gas. LAKE PRESTON, S. D., Feb. 25.-Mrs. August Hanson and four children are dead from gas from a straw burning heating stove while Hanson himself is dying. Only one of the family a young boy, is recovering.

An Early Morning Riot. DuQuoix, Ill., Feb. 25.—In a free-forall fight on Main street early yesterday morning, six participants, Chief of Police J. Conroy was seriously cut and stabbed. The mayor with his reserve quelled.

Ran the First Engine to Denver. EMPORIA, Kan., Feb. 25.—S. C. Brad ford, one of the best-known engineer on the Santa Fe system, died suddenly of heart failure yesterday. He was it charge of the first engine that ever en tered Denver, which was on the Union Pacific, for which road he then worked.

DAILY THOUGHTS.

Services and kindnesses neglected make friendship suspected. Yesterday suggests; to-morrow pro

ises, but to-day accomplishes. He who does not engage in the quarrels of others will have few of his own The best friendship is that which stimulates mutual goodness.

Try to control temper; it will show the hidden depths of character, just as a stick stirred in a seemingly clear and placid pond will befoul the surface with secumulated drega.—N. Y. Weekly. AN INFANT TERRIBLE.

She Caused the Man to Blush and the Girls "Literal children, or, more properly, children who take your children

ally, are holy terrors," relates a young man, noted for his politeness to ladies. "I was in a herdic the other day, which was much crowded, though no one was standing at the lme. Presone was standing at the line. Presently a lady and gentleman got in and I gave my seat to the lady, leaving the old gentleman standing. Immediately a young lady sitting in one end of the herdic, called to her little sister, a child of six, perhaps, who was sitting near the door at the other end, to come to her and give her seat to the alderly gentleman. The child came elderly gentleman. The child came willingly enough, and while the sister was reading her a lesson in manners, a passenger got out, and I took a seat. "Never let me see you remain seated again, when people older than you are standing," closed the lecture, and the child was crowded, half sitting, half standing, between the older sister and the lady next to her. Two minutes later a pretty girl got in and, of course, as the only gentleman in the herdic, I gave her my seat. No sooner had I done so than that small

terror was on her feet. "Oh, mister," she said in sweet, shrill accents, "you take my seat, you's older than me." And everybody laurhed, of course; trust a lot of giggling girls for that, for the only place on earth that I could have "taken a seat" was on the sister's lap, from which the child had slid. I didn't take the seat, but I did take to the street, and walked five blocks in a drizzling rain to get away from the giggle of those girls.—Washington Star.

New Method.

A man who was for some years in the log and lumber business on the shores of Bake Michigan tells a little inciden illustrative of the Irishman's unwillingness to acknowledge his ignorance

of any subject: One day a young Irishman applied for work.

"Can you raft and boom logs?" asked the lumber merchant. "Av coorse, sorr," returned the un-employed, with cheering promptness. "Well, then," said the lumber merchant, "go up on the gap above the railroad bridge and boom all the logs

raftsmen will tell you about the mark, the locality of the gap, and so forth." The Irishman hesitated a moment and then, with an ingenuous smile, he

"I'll be afther goin' directly, sorr;

d'you boom the logs as we do in the owld ounthry, I dunno? Is it wid a shovel ye boom 'em, sorr, or how?"-Youth's 209 BUS. OATS, 173 BUS. BARLEY. M. M. Luther, East Troy, Pa., grew

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notice, worth \$10, to get a start. [K]

Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar relieves whooping cough.
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The man who has a strong will is often strong in nothing cise.—Ram's Hori The worst of winter is to slip and sprain Pest cure—St. Jacobs Oil.

Gray hairs and wrinkles may come, but a happy heart is always young.—Ram's Horu. When bilious or costive eat a Cascaret, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed. 10c, 25c.

It is a rare man who gets anything but bills and kicks in his letters these days. In winter sciatica is worse. Any time St. Jacobs Oil is the best cure.

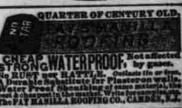
A man encourages notoriety in every-thing except his love affairs. Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe, 10c

Hypocrisy is a certificate of good character vice gives to virtue.—Ram's Horn.

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